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UPDATE #6

STATUS OF STORM RELATED ROAD CLOSURES IN DISTRICT 8

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8 is providing an update to the public regarding the status of road closures related to the storm on February 14.

All the information below is preliminary and subject to change due to weather, further damage, material supply and other damage and repair issues that may require additional resources.

- SR 243 remains closed from I-10 to Idyllwild for at least two (2) months due to extensive damage and road loss. Ames Construction is the emergency contractor for the \$8 million project which is combined with SR 74 emergency work.
- SR 74 remains closed from Valle Vista at Borco to Mountain Center for at least one (1) month due to road loss and storm damage. Ames Construction is the emergency contractor for the \$8 million project which is combined with SR 243 emergency work.
- SR 18 remains closed from Green Valley Lake Road to Big Bear Dam for at least two (2) weeks due to road loss and storm damage. Riverside Construction is the emergency contractor for the \$2.5 million project.
- SR 111 is partially open with one lane in each direction on the northbound direction of travel. The southbound SR 111 remains closed for at least one (1) month or longer to repair road loss and storm damage. Granite Construction is the emergency contractor for the \$3.5 million project.
- SR 173 from SR 138 to Twin Ranch Road remains closed due to flooding.
- SR 2 remains closed from Grassy Hollow to Islip Saddle due to extreme snow conditions – there is no access from LA County.
- SR 74 (Palms to Pines Highway, low desert, Anza) from Lake Hemet to Mountain Center and Idyllwild is open to **RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ONLY**. Snow play and tourism is not encouraged at this time.

SNOW LEVELS ARE EXPECTED TO RECEDE TO 1,500 FEET ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING AND THURSDAY FOR THE INCOMING STORM.

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Snow is expected in lower elevations such as I-15 in the Cajon Pass and High Desert, I-10 through Yucaipa to Banning, and any other regions at the 1,500-foot level.

THE MOTORING PUBLIC, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ARE ADVISED TO CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS AND CHAIN CONTROLS BEFORE THEY GO. USE CALTRANS QUICKMAP AT <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>. FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK @CALTRANS8 TO MONITOR CONDITIONS DURING AND AFTER HOURS.

Caltrans advises the public not to pass any road closed signs and obey all commands from CHP, Caltrans and contractor crews for public safety. **Turn Around Don't Drown** when roadways are flooded or impassible.

Any new information will be released once available. Motorists are reminded to use caution, slow for weather conditions and use headlights while driving. Motorists should anticipate delays and longer travel time. Stock vehicles with water, snacks, blankets, a charged cell phone, flashlight and a full tank of gas before traveling.

Riverside County Emergency Management

<https://www.rivcoready.org/Have-a-Plan/Flooding/Storm-Ready>

San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services

<https://www.sbcfire.org/Programs/ReadySetGoFlood.aspx>.

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